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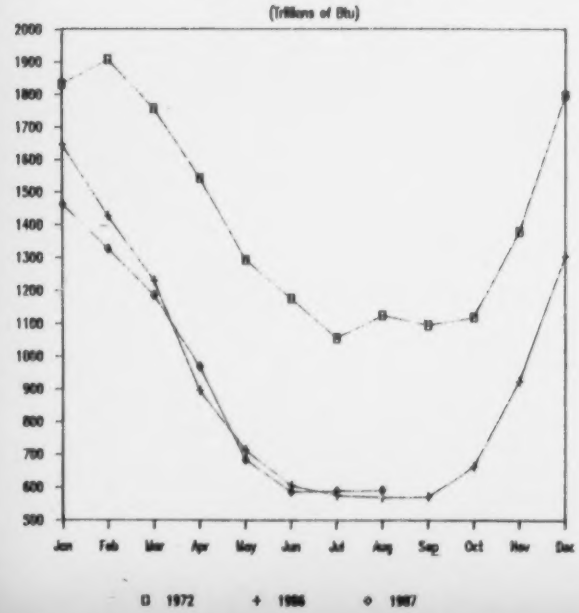
Electric generation sales increased while residential, commercial and industrial sales decreased in August, 1987 compared with last year. Total utility sales were up from 568.9 trillion Btu in August, 1986 to 590.0 trillion Btu in August, 1987. Transportation volumes to end-users were up 73.4 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

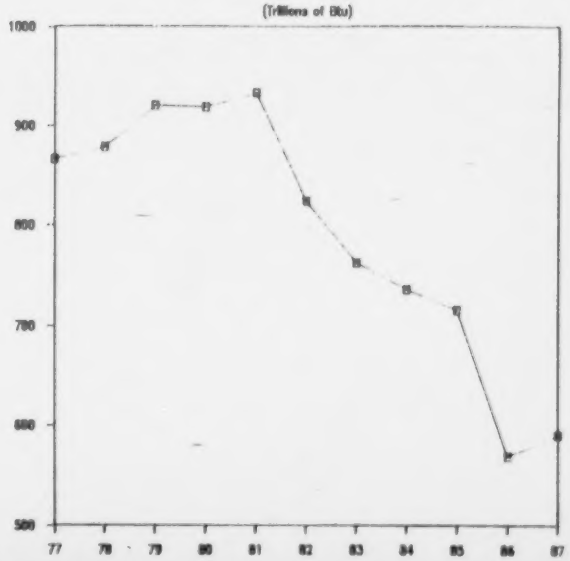
	August			Year-to-Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1987	1986	%Change[1]	1987	(% Change) Last Period	1987 Forecast[2]	1986	% Change
Residential	121.8	122.2	- 0.3	3,027.0	+ 0.1	4,365.5	4,380.1	- 0.3
Commercial	84.3	87.1	- 3.2	1,478.1	- 3.4	2,191.9	2,238.4	- 2.1
Industrial	177.4	194.7	- 8.9	1,492.2	- 26.7	2,348.4	2,892.0	- 18.8
Elec. Gen.	195.9	156.6	+ 25.1	1,273.0	+ 32.6	1,762.0	1,448.7	+ 21.6
Other	10.6	8.3	-	121.0	-	166.8	167.2	-
Total Sales	590.0	568.9	+ 3.7	7,391.3	- 3.5	10,834.6	11,126.4	- 2.6
Transportation	290.1	167.3	+ 73.4	2,121.3	+ 67.6			
Total Volumes	880.1	736.2	+ 19.5	9,512.6	+ 6.5			

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.

TOTAL MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



AUGUST TOTAL GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - AUGUST
(Thousands of Units)

		1987	1986	% Change '86 vs. '87
Domestic Ranges	- Gas	157.5	155.8	+ 1.1
	- Electric	289.7	270.9	+ 6.9
Clothes Dryers	- Gas	87.0	79.2	+ 9.8
	- Electric	294.4	276,8	+ 6.4
Water Heaters	- Gas	289.8	272.8	+ 6.3
	- Electric	270.8	260.4	+ 4.0
Warm Air Furnaces	- Gas	203.0	198.9	+ 2.1
	- Electric	33.1	28.5	+ 16.0
	- Oil	22.8	21.6	+ 5.7
Boilers	- Gas	17.9	20.5	- 12.7
	- Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 19.4
	- Oil	12.5	13.6	- 7.8

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA).

SPOT PRICES TO GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES
(August 1987)

Receipt Point	Price ($/MMBtu)[a]
Northeast	$1.82
Southeast	$1.72
Midwest	$1.75
Southwest	$1.43
Total	$1.62

Source: American Gas Association
[a]Represents average price paid at receipt point for a one-month contract.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - AUGUST

	1987	1986	% Change '86 vs '87
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	143.7	163.8	- 12.3
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	536.7	561.0	- 4.3
Electricity	389.8	389.7	+ 0.0
Fuel Oil	501.3	429.1	+ 16.8

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	52.4	50.5	+ 3.7
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.66	6.80	- 2.1
Commercial	4.81	4.90	- 1.8
Industrial	3.09	3.30	- 6.4
Electric Generation	2.62	2.65	- 1.1
Total	3.92	4.12	- 4.8
Carriage Volumes[3] (Trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	290.1	167.3	+ 73.4
For Ultimate Consumers	86.1	57.2	+ 50.5
For Resale	594.2	358.4	+ 65.8
Total	970.4	582.9	+ 66.5

Source: American Gas Association

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.940	1.721	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.261	2.120	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	3.184	2.651	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.311	3.241	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	3.969	4.090	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986	Aug.	4.751	5.770	5.200	3.882	3.152	4.287
	Sep.	4.720	5.757	5.177	3.832	3.041	4.242
	Oct.	4.695	5.749	5.155	3.774	2.930	4.182
	Nov.	4.657	5.706	5.106	3.713	2.823	4.115
	Dec.	4.601	5.651	5.034	3.649	2.726	4.024
1987[P]	Jan.	4.545	5.600	4.967	3.577	2.647	3.987
	Feb.	4.506	5.547	4.910	3.525	2.644	3.905
	Mar.	4.466	5.502	4.856	3.492	2.628	3.862
	Apr.	4.426	5.461	4.819	3.460	2.614	3.790
	May	4.401	5.446	4.802	3.435	2.578	3.754
	Jun.	4.388	5.444	4.799	3.413	2.551	3.758
	Jul.	4.375	5.440	4.792	3.392	2.550	3.693
	Aug.	4.363	5.436	4.788	3.377	2.548	3.668

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.& Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1985	Aug.	4.64	7.02	5.43	3.93	4.14	3.72
	Sep.	4.74	6.93	5.40	3.94	4.12	3.71
	Oct.	4.82	6.39	5.35	3.98	4.13	3.73
	Nov.	4.95	6.03	5.34	4.02	4.18	3.71
	Dec.	4.97	5.54	5.24	4.02	4.14	3.71
1986	Jan.	4.95	5.44	5.20	3.93	4.06	3.48
	Feb.	4.95	5.50	5.19	3.84	4.06	2.94
	Mar.	4.81	5.49	5.15	3.59	3.84	2.76
	Apr.	4.68	5.76	5.21	3.38	3.70	2.61
	May	4.49	6.04	5.18	3.24	3.51	2.73
	Jun.	4.29	6.49	5.11	3.10	3.47	2.58
	Jul.	4.11	6.56	4.95	3.01	3.36	2.61
	Aug.	4.12	6.80	4.90	3.01	3.30	2.65
	Sep.	4.11	6.47	4.81	3.02	3.32	2.68
	Oct.	4.40	6.23	4.94	3.09	3.38	2.59
	Nov.	4.51	5.50	4.77	3.23	3.52	2.61
	Dec.	4.55	5.15	4.72	3.34	3.59	2.75
1987[P]	Jan.	4.57	5.14	4.78	3.13	3.44	2.34
	Feb.	4.66	5.17	4.80	3.42	3.64	2.87
	Mar.	4.45	5.14	4.70	3.12	3.55	2.55
	Apr.	4.22	5.27	4.75	2.91	3.35	2.51
	May	4.09	5.76	4.89	2.74	3.15	2.34
	Jun.	4.04	6.48	5.06	2.70	3.13	2.34
	Jul.	3.87	6.42	4.75	2.79	3.06	2.58
	Aug.	3.92	6.66	4.81	2.84	3.09	2.62

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.
[2]1987 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1987 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (both industrial only and electric generation) is also based on available 1987 monthly data with the remaining months of 1987 heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.
[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.
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